

NOW, MY
DEAR BIG
BROTHER
SIS, I
ASSURE
YOU'VE
PREPARED
YOUR NAME
FOR THIS

BECAUSE
YOU DECIDED
TO HANDLE
"STELLAR"
SPECIAL
SOMEONE

I FEEL I
HAVE YOUR
PERMISSION
TO HANDLE
YOU IN A
SIMILAR
FASHION,
RIGHT?

YOU'RE
BLOND AND
BLUE-EYED
NOW...

YOU'RE
LOOKING
LIKE THE
REAL
ALICE, BUT
YOU'RE...
YOU'RE...

HA...
HA
HA...

WHAT
HAPPENED
TO YOU?
YOU'VE
TRANS-
FORMED
TOO?





YOU
LITTLE
—?



WOW



OH MY!

HEH
HEH!



WHY
CAN'T YOU
SHUT UP
AT ALL?
IT'S ALMOST
LIKE THAT...

SHUT UP!

WHERE IS
SHE...?



...MAY
♡

O-NI-
SA...





WHAT IS
DOING
OH...

OH...
OH...

THAT
MOUNTAIN
OF KNIVES
YOU WERE
SO PROUD
OF IS DOWN
TO JUST ONE

WHOOH,
AND NOW
THAT'S
DONE
TOO.

AA-
HA-HA-
HA...

WHAT
CAN THE
MATTER
BE, ONE-
SAMU?

GYAAAH!!



MY DODGE
WAS GREAT

... IN THE
NEXT RAY

TEE
HEE

WHY
DOES
MY
BODY
FEEL SO
HOT?

I CAN'T
RESIST
IT



COME TO
THINK
OF IT...

HIGH?

OVER
THERE

THAT
WOUND
WILL...
HEAL...

WE
WENT
UP TO
SOLAR
TEMP

IT WAS
HOT...



HOW
THE HELL
CAN
YOU DO
THIS...!!?

WHERE'D
THE
MACHINE
GUN
COME
FROM
ANYWAY??

DAM-
MIT!!



THEY'RE NOT
DEAD YET!
... MAYBE SHE
STILL HAS A
BIT OF BOUNTY
LEFT...?

I'LL
NEVER GET
AWAY WITH
THIS...!!
THE BLACK
SLANTS ARE
DONE FOR!



HAAAA

HUH?

I WOULD
NEVER
EVEN
THINK OF
ATTACKING
YOU...!!

STELLA...!!
IT'S ME...I
JUST WOULD
LOVE!

I MUST
HAVE
GONE
STRANGE
WHEN
MY BODY
CHANGED
ON ME!!

FIVE
YEARS
AGO...

AT LEAST
THREE HUND
FIVE YEARS.
WE'VE BEEN
DOING WELL AS
BROTHER AND
SISTER
EVER SINCE
THAT DAY.
HAVEN'T
WE...!!

YOU
REMEMBER
HOW THE THREE
OF US WERE
WEDDED OUT
FROM ALL
THE DOZENS
OF LITTLE
KIDS...!!?

SID...!! YOU
REMEMBER
WHAT HAPPENED
FIVE...YEARS
AGO...!!?

I CAN'T FIGHT ANYMORE!

...NO, WAIT! MORE THAN THAT, STELLA, LOOK AT THIS!

AND I'LL BET THERE ARE SOME AMONG US WHO THINK THAT MOTHER AND FATHER ARE THEIR REAL BIOLOGICAL PARENTS.

RIGHT

...N-NO... ACTUALLY, I CAN'T SAY THAT I HAVE MUCH MEMORY AT ALL FROM BEFORE I...CAME HERE.

GOODBYE I CAN REGENERATE...!

LET'S GO TOGETHER TO MOTHER AND FATHER AND CONVINCE THEM TO STOP THIS WHOLE THING!

BELIEVE ME...GIVE HIM UP AND...

...SAVE ME INSTEAD!!

WE WERE HAPPY ONCE...

THERE'S STILL A CHANCE WE CAN BE A PEACEFUL FAMILY AGAIN!!



CAN
WE...?

YES...
JUST CALM
DOWN, I'M...
STELLA...

HEY
HEY AL
BOO

I'M NO...
MURDERER

YES!
HE'S
THE
ONE
!!

ZENO-
NIII!

...WHO
MURDERED
ZENO-
NIII!!

!!



STELLA-SAMA...!!



"BLOODY..."

...ALICE."

WHAT AN UN-
BELIEVABLE...

BEAUTEFUL
VISION

BOTH
CRUEL AND
HEAVENLY



ST.
STELLA
SARU!

IT IS!!
KOHONDE!



NO, WE
AREN'T!!

AT LEAST
NOT AT THE
LEADERSHIP
LEVEL... WE
AREN'T UNDER
ANYONE'S
CONTROL...



"THE BLACK
RABBITS
ARE...
UNDER SID'S
CONTROL..."

WROG!



I AM
ACTING
UNDER MY
OWN WILL!
I HAVE A
DULL!

MY ONLY
WANTED IS
MYSELF...!

THE BLACK
RABBIT'S
YOU CAN
MOVE
ACCORDING
TO YOUR
WILL...

...HAVE RED
EYES HIDDEN
UNDER THEIR
SUNGLASSES!

L-LOOK
AT THEIR
EYES...
PLEASE,
LOOK...



.....



WHAT IS
THIS MARK
ON ALL OF
THEIR?

OHAY,
FINE,
THEN
ANSWER
THAT!

WELL,
THAT'S
DULL!

.....



IT IS
PROOF THAT
THE BLADES
THAT CAME OUT
OF SID-SAMA'S
BODY ENTERED
AND TOOK OVER
THEIR BODIES...



THAT IS
SID-SAMA'S
SYMBOL.



IT LOOKS
LIKE IT'S
MISSED WITH
A PIECE OF
THE GLASS
SID-SAMA LEFT
ON THEM.

AND THEN
THERE'S
THIS MARK...



...FEELS THE
DARKNESS'S
SYMBOL...



IN OTHER
WORDS,
THIS IS SID-
SAMA'S...



ALSO...

...THIS
IS YOURS,
MISTRESS.
THE MARK OF
BLOODY
ALICE.



SO
NOTHING
GOT THIS
COSTUME
READY,
HUNT?

SAKURA
TAKAHASHI

SO
THAT'S
IT... THEY
SET ME UP
AS THIS
FROM THE
START...



"BLOODY
ALICE"...?



ANYWAY,
YOU'RE
SAYING THIS
BLADE CARVED
THE MARK IN
THEM SO SHE-HE
COULD CONTROL
THEM, RIGHT...?



...AND THIS
IS SOMETHING
THAT ANY ONE
OF US IN THE
FAMILY CAN
ADOPT, HUH...?

AND
ONCE IT'S
TAKEN, THE
ENTIRE
MARK
WISHES...?

TELL
ME...

...KOKORO-
CAN...

YOU SEE,
I HAVE THIS
BESIDES-THE
URGE TO PUMP
MOTHER AND
FATHER FULL
OF HOLE. SO
WHERE ARE
THEY?

WELL,
FOR
ME...

...THEY
WOULD
JUST GET
IN MY WAY
ANYWAY.

DON'T
THE MARK
WOUND IF
THE
MASTER
DIED?
THEM...

BEHOLD,
THERE'S
SOMETHING
THAT'S BEEN
BURNING
ME.

THERE
HASN'T
BEEN
ENOUGH
VIOLENCE
YET...

6-
STELLA-
CAN...IT

AND THIS
"ALICE"
SEEMS TO
WANT TO
COME OUT
AGAIN AND
GET MORE
KILLING DONE
EVEN RIGHT
NOW.





...IT MEANS
THAT THE
MASTER IS
STILL ALIVE,
RIGHT?

STELLA...!!!



PLEASE
DO NOT
DO THIS,
STELLA-
GAMA...

SID-
GAMA!!

H. H.

...117

STELLA!!

A POWER
OF DESTINY
WAS TAKEN
AWAY FROM
THIS WORLD...

WHAT
IS THIS
FEELING?

THIS
SENSE OF
DETERMINATION...

MOORE!
MOORE!
MOORE!

I WANT
MOORE!

STELLA-
SAMA!!



WHY...

OH, I SEE
JERE LONG

...IS
THIS...
HERE...?

STELLA-
DAMA 'S
REVERTING
TO...
NORMAL
...!!



THAT
STRAY
DOLL...IT
COULDN'T
BE...



I AM
ALWAYS
RIGHT
NEED
BY YOUR
SIDE

I AM
HERE

HA...

HUH
...?

AH!







WHAT
...?

IT'S THE
FIRST TIME
I'VE EVER
HEARD
THOSE BELLS
RING!

THE DAY
THEY
FELL
ONTO...

...MY
MOTHER
AND FATHER
ALSO...



WHAT?
AKIKI-
SAN, YOU
MEAN
SOMEBODY
DIED?

IT MEANS
THE COND-
ITIONS
HAVE
BEEN MET,
CLARE-
SAMA.



THE DAY
OF...

...OUR FAMILY
TEA PARTY.
ALWAYS SO
FUN...

THE DAY OF MY
BROTHER'S
BIRTHDAY...

ZENO-
NI!!!
!!

AND THE
NUMBER
WAS...THE
FOURTH
DAUGHTER,
STELLA-
SAMA.

THE LOSER
WAS THE
SECOND SON,
SID-SAMA.

YES-



is
there!

Good
work
every-
body!

IT'S TRUE!
MY WOUNDS
ARE HEALED!

HOW!?
I REMEM-
BER BEING
SHOT!!

As promised,
there is at least
one dead person
within the hour,
and so every-
one's special
someone will be
released from
confinement.

Every-
one's bumps
and bruises
will be fully
healed,
so you can
relax!~

It's now that I will explain the rules.

Of course, this was simply the prelude, to make sure you are all prepared.

Now you understand that your sweet mother was being serious all along?

...BUT RESULTS LIKE THIS DEFTY COMMON SENSE...

I hope that the ISOGAI family sponsors MEDICAL AND COSMETIC RESEARCH.



MY BEST FRIEND WILL NEVER BE HEALED AGAIN...

First, I'm afraid that even the very best sorcerer is left standing...
...neither you nor your partner will be able to issue.

Within a year, you must beat out all your competition and become the master.

There is only one possible exit from here.

HUH?!

WHY WOULD SHE SAY THAT?

The people of this nation use our family's power, respect it, and fear it. This tradition is to preserve our beneficial relationship with the country.



Well, that kind of power, that enormous nation, may only be inherited by one person.

You see, our family, the Kuonjis, would possess massive power and hold the secret to Elysium...

WE CAN'T LEAVE...!?

...THAT IS WHY WE MUST BE SURE THAT ONLY THE BEST BLOOD REMAINS.

OH TO BE SPECIFIC, ONE MASTER AND THAT MASTER'S SISTER.

I'M AFRAID THOSE TWO ARE THE ONLY ONES "ALLOWED TO LIVE."

TH-THAT CAN'T BE RIGHT...!!

WHILE YOU ARE INSIDE, YOU ARE STRICTLY FORBIDDEN FROM ATTACKING ANYONE. EVERYONE NEEDS A REST NOW AND THEN.

AH YES! YOU ALL HAVE ONE HOME EACH ON THE ESTATE GROUNDS.

WHAT ABOUT SCHOOL?!

However, if someone were to kill one of the others, then that other's home becomes theirs. The dead is the loser, and the winner gains all their possessions and is thus the "gainer."

gainer



loser



Any-one who breaks a rule loses their right to inherit, so I'd be careful of that were I you.

Yes, as always, you are required once a month to attend the tea party just as you always have.

TEA IS
NEARLY
100%
NECESSARY

And any violence is strictly forbidden then as well.

STELLA-
GAAA!

PLEASE
WAIT! YOU
MUSTN'T
GO THAT
WAY...

I mentioned
this before,
but if you
don't drink
your tea once
every month,
you will die.

You may
use all sorts
of places
for dueling
on the
Kuanji
estate
grounds.

PAN

PANT



IF SOME OF
THEM DIE, SAY
IT NO MIND.

THE LAWS
OF THE LAND
OUTSIDE BRIGATE
SQUARES DO
NOT APPLY
HERE.

I SUSPECT ANY
OF YOU WHO HAVE
DISCOVERED THE
METHOD OF USING
THE BLACK RABBIT'S
SHOULD QUICKLY
OBTAIN ALLIES.



IF YOU DON'T
WISH YOUR
PARTNER KILLED,
YOU WILL NEED
TO "KILL ONE OR
MORE PERSONS
WITHIN THE
MONTH."

NOW,
ON TO
THE NEXT
STAGE!



SO I WANT
YOUR BEST
EFFORTS,
AND YOUR
MOMMY
BELIEVES
IN YOU!

WE HAVE AN
OBLIGATION TO
PRESERVE AND
PROTECT OUR
BLOOD FOR ALL
ETERNITY!







I DON'T NEED ANYTHING ELSE, SO JUST GIVE ME ZENO-NII!

I'M NOT INTERESTED IN BEING MASTER OR OWNING ANY HUGE FORTUNE!!

I DON'T WANT ETERNAL LIFE IF IT MEANS ZENO-NII ISN'T LIVING TOO!!



SURE, WHY NOT?



THEN YOU'LL HAVE THE RIGHT TO BEING SOMEONE BACK AS A PARTNER.

BUT! ONLY IF YOU, STELLA, BECOME THE MASTER.



!?

S...
SR...!



HON-ESTLY?

I NEVER
SAID ANY-
THING ABOUT
BRINGING
PEOPLE BACK
TO LIFE!
I WAS
SAIDING THAT
DIDN'T?

DIDN'T
YOU SAY
THAT?



"ONLY THE
MASTER
HAS THE
RIGHT TO
LIVE ON
WITH HIS
OR HER
PARTNER."

AS YOUR
MOTHER JUST
SAID. LIVING
OR DEAD.



BUT...
TO BRING
SOMEBODY
BACK TO
LIFE...
THAT'S JUST
STUPID...
THERE'S NO
WAY...



SHE HAD
BEATEN ALL
OF OUR
SIBLINGS...
INCLUDING
ME, THEN...

STU-
PID?
NOT AT
ALL!

SEVERAL
DOZEN
YEARS
AGO, YOUR
MOTHER
WAS IN
THE SAME
POSITION.



AND
IT DOESN'T
MATTER WHO,
OR EVEN IF THE
PERSON WANTS
IT OR NOT, THE
MASTER CAN
CHOOSE ONE
TO LIVE AS A
PARTNER.



...SHE
USED HER
AUTHORITY AS
MASTER TO
BRING ONE OF
US BACK TO
LIFE AS HER
PARTNER.
ME.



BUT
YOU
KNOW,
STELLA...

...AS I
RECALL, YOU
ALREADY
BORROWED
THE USE OF
THAT POWER
ONCE...

YOU KNOW,
I REMEM-
BER IT AS
IF IT WERE
YESTERDAY!

AS
DO I.
HA
HA!



OH, NO...
YOU CAN'T
BE DEAD...

OH, NO...



...BUT FIVE
YEARS AGO,
YOU ONCE
BEGGED ME
TO BRING
THE DEAD
ZING BACK
TO LIFE.



THE
EFFECTS
OF THE TEA
MAY HAVE
WIPE THE
MEMORY...



PLEASE...
I'M DO
ANYTHING

CAN'T YOU
SAVE HIM,
PLEASE?



IF YOU
WISH HIM
BROUGHT
BACK,
THEN YOU MUST
BE THE LAST
SURVIVING
VICTOR.

CAN YOU
ENTER INTO
SUCH A
CONTRACT?



VERY
WELL...

BUT A TEEN
THAT IS A POWER
RECEIVED FOR
THE MASTER OF
THE WORLD
FAMILY AGENT



NOW BRING
MY ONI-GAN
BACK...!!

YES,
MURD...!!
I'LL WIN
WHATEVER
YOU GOT AND
BE THE
NEXT
MASTER!

I
REMEMBER
IT NOW
...!!

A
LONG TIME
AGO, I ASKED
ALREADY...
...MADE
MY DEAL
WITH THE
DEVIL...!!



...BIG-
BROS
...!

SO
YOU
SEE...

...IT'S
AGAINST
THE RULES
TO BRING
YOUR BIG
BROTHER
BACK TO
LIFE AGAIN.



AND WITH
THAT ONI-
GAN...

...BECAME
MY REAL "BIG
BROTHER"...!!



...BUT...
THAT IS TRUE, IS
IT NOT?

...YES...
THEN AN
EXCEPTION
MUST BE
MADE. THIS
ONE TIME
ONLY WILL
I BRING
ZENO BACK
TO LIFE.



KOKO-
NOE...
WHY...?

OH!



OUR-
SAMA...

...I WISH
TO SEE
THE MERCY
OF YOU AS
WELL! EVER
SINCE THAT
TIME...



MOTHER
...!!

REALLY...IT



THE MOMENT
YOU FAIL, OUR
CONTRACT IS
VOIDED, AND
ZENO DIES.

YOU MUST
SURVIVE TO
INHERIT THE
FAMILY.

BUT CON-
DITIONALLY
THE SAME
AS LAST
TIME.





THE WORLD
HAS MANY
DIFFERENT
NAMES FOR US.
"VAMPIRE"...
"DEMON"...
"WITCH"...
"GORE"...
EVEN
"CLARITY"...

WE ARE
A FAMILY
WHO CAN
INFECT OTHERS
THROUGH OUR
BLOOD AND FEED
ON THEIR SOULS
AS NUTRIENTS
FOR OUR BODIES,
LEAVING ONLY
A MOUNTAIN OF
CORPSES
BEHIND.

YOU ARE
SO...
SPOOKY
COMING
FROM HIS
BODY...

...AND
CONTROL THE
BLACK RABBIES
WITH THOSE
BLADES. HIS
VERY OWN?

FEED ON
SOULS...?
NUTRIENTS
FOR OUR
BODIES...?

TO KEEP
TO THE
"COVENANT"
THAT WE
WOULD NOT
LET THE
BLOODLINE
END...

WE ARE LIKE
SAVAGE
BEASTS OF
PREY MADE
PETS WITHIN
A LAYEN
CAGE

BECAUSE
OF THAT,
WE WERE
FORCED INTO
THIS FOREST
AND SEALED
WITHIN.

HUMANS
CALLED US
THE "BANDER-
SNATCH."

...BUT IN
THE PEOPLE'S
FEAR, THEY
SLAUGHTERED
US...THOSE OF US
WHO SURVIVED
BEGAN TO WORK
IN THE SHADOWS
OF HISTORY AND
BECAME LEADERS
TO LIVE ON...

ONCE,
WE WERE THE
MIGHTY-EST
POWER...
ITS WITHIN
A CORNER
LAND...



IF IT'S A
FAILURE...

THERE
MAY NOT
BE ENOUGH
LEFT OF HIS
INTERNAL
ORGANS
AND OTHER
PARTS. YOU
MUST BE
PREPARED
FOR
FAILURE.

HE
MAY
NOT
COME
BACK.
AS YOU
REMEM-
BER
HIM.

BANDER-
SNATCH
...!!!

IF IT
IS A
FAILURE
...

...I DO
APOLO-
GIZE.

THERE IS
ONE MORE
VERY
IMPORTANT
THING I
MUST
MENTION.

YOUR
ELDER
BROTHER
WAS
RATHER
RIPPED TO
SHREDS.

...I'LL KILL YOU
ALL AND GO
JOIN HIM, SO
IT'S OKAY.



JUST
WONDERFUL!
MY WHOLE
FAMILY IS...!

YOU'RE
WONDERFUL,
STELLA.
YOU
BELONG
IN THIS
FAMILY.

HA
HA
HA!



LET IT BE
AND PAINS
OF DARKNESS
FEAR

...FOR
EVEN THE
LAUGHTER
OF DEVILS...

YOU
DON'T
KNOW
WHAT
YOU'RE
DOING...



I DON'T
NEED
ANYTHING
ELSE

...OR
RIGHT HE
IS, AS
LONG AS
I CAN
BE WITH
HIM.

I DON'T
CARE
WHAT
RIGHT HE
SAYS...

AS LONG
AS
PAIN-HE
IS...

...BROUGHT
BACK TO
LIFE.





MY
COUNTRY
IS
BE-
COMING
DIE...

THIS
DAY
WAS...

...BY
THE
WAY...

...WHO
ARE YOU
AGAIN?

YOU WERE
LOOKING
KIND OF
LONELY.
I FIGURED
YOU JUST
WANTED MY
BODY.

HE MAY NOT
COME BACK AS
YOU REMEMBER
HIM

IF IT
IS A
FAILURE...

I DO
APOLOGIZE

WELL,
WHAT-
EVER.